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Culver Items.

Henry Randolph upset his boat while fixing a trot line in the creek and lost his outfit besides getting a good ducking.

Dr. Renick, of Butler, was out to Mrs. Willey, who is quite sick, yesterday last week.

T. N. Hendrix and J. B. Hays shipped cattle last week to Kansas City and doubtless have the experience—some else the money, as all claim to this season.

Dee being sick and his deputy fails a day last week caused us to mis-err mail last Thursday.

M. S. Kiersey takes the cake, being the first to plow corn, so far as have heard.

Louie Kiersey is taking lessons this spring in gardening.

Jas. McGhee and wife spent an evening visiting in Culver.

Carl Decker took a flying trip to Kansas City last week.

Miss Maud Stover is taking treatment in Butler for scrofula.

C. J. Greer brought out a load of flour and merchandise Friday. He knows them all on flour. Bring your chickens and eggs to Charley.

Our new mail carrier took possession of the route Friday and will continue to run same as Dea.

We have a new road wagon to trade for a good buggy.

B. F. Billings is home from his trip to Carthage. His daughter, Mrs. Ida McGhee, accompanied him home for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. Patrick from the northeast was over to Dr. Mc's. He is gold standard from a away back.

Dr. W. A. Williams of Hume, is not in the fight this year for representative, (as we suppose) as he is a gold standard democrat.

Spruce township has up a fight (not a capital removal) on the removal of the voting precinct from Johnson to Ballard.

Bob Douglas called at Culver.

O. L. Griggs drove to Butler for fish and Uncle Billy was fish hungry.

So Butler is having trouble with its city dads, just such as we expect hear at Culver.

Dr. McFarland's wife is quite sick. A daughter of G. G. Gartin is sick.

JACK.

New Home Items.

There is a worm destroying the apple in this vicinity.

Mell Bell is very low; he was stricken with paralysis some time ago and has no use of himself, has to be turned in a sheet.

Lottie Burks visited in Sprague last week.

James Bell is adding 15 acres to his already fine orchard. Jim is planting some of the finest trees we ever saw.

Lightning struck and killed a horse for Jim Hicks on last Wednesday.

There has been a Sunday school organized at the New Home school house, with Parson Miller, superintendent.

Harry Gray visited at W. Littlefield's Sunday.

A new man in New Home, his name is Gray, he is from the burnt district of Nebraska.

Virgil Trowbridge is cutting stalks with a hoe at 10 cts per acre.

Mr. Elliott is in very poor health. Quite a number were on the river Saturday fishing.

White corn is worth 20c a bushel.

Dr. Elliott was farming Thursday with a harrow tied behind his wagon. The weeds and grass have possession of the early planted corn.

P. Y. Morse is preparing to plant some melons.

Uncle Joe Littlefield is going to disk 70 acres of land and plant it in corn; he says disk is better than breaking; he tried a place last year.

Bob Goodrun caught some fine fish last week. Some of them weighed ten pounds each.

B. P. Caldwell and wife visited the widow Steele Sunday.

We had quite an electric storm Sunday morning. Lightning struck in several places; it struck the widow Steele's house and barn, tore the flue off the house and did considerable other damage.

S. Robb was up from off the Osage in Vernon county, Saturday. He reports the Osage all over the bottom; he said that on Wednesday of last week hail fell as large as goose eggs.

JIM.

Summit Items.

Plenty of moisture for all purposes and corn promises to be a good stand.

Crops of all kinds make a good showing for this date in the season.

Elder Webb came to his last appointment laden with some of the novelties purchased at Butler.

The township examinations held at Summit center by B. E. Parker and Misses Emma Bolin and Janie Donovan passed off nicely and we suppose satisfactorily to all concerned.

Miss Vina Lawson is visiting Mrs. Peter Lane, of Butler.

Miss Grace Stearns came out from Butler Friday evening to spend Sunday with her parents, and was caught in the rain in spite of her efforts to evade it, being in an uncovered vehicle.

Most of the farmers are well along with their corn planting, while some are through. This surely indicates one of our earliest seasons, and a good crop, unless unfavorable conditions arise earlier than usually looked for.

D. D. Peeler and A. B. Owens were in this locality for a limited time last week. Both are competitors to be feared by those who aspire for the same positions.

Politically, Summit's waters are not ruffled by any discord and all are sailing on in anticipation of a glorious victory for the principles advocated.

Mrs. Angelina Gutridge, of Spruce, passed through Summit Sunday to Butler, where she would take the train for Baker City, Oregon, to visit two sons and a daughter living in that state.

Dom Pedro, the hard pan blaten correspondent of the Democrat talks through his hat, when he is able to talk, and we are loth to use our ammunition on such small game, whose voice must be elevated in that way in an effort to bring it on a line with the better class, but to let him know that while we are not expecting anything better from him nor any good to result to the Summit boys, socially, morally or otherwise, by coming in contact with such elements of society as himself. Yet we feel practically safe, as the Summit boys were grown on good soil and are strong in all that goes to make up the man, and will be able to withstand any evil influences that may be thrown around them by the "big Injuns" of Shawnee or any other locality.

GROVER.

TO Tax Payers.

Notice is hereby given that suit will be brought on the taxes of 1891, '92, '93 and '94 at the next term of the circuit court, unless the same is paid at once.

S. H. FISHER,
Ex-officio Collector.

ELLEN PERSONS DIE IN A CYCLONE.

Clay County, Kas., Visited by a Death Dealing Storm

TWENTY PEOPLE INJURED

Houses Wrecked. Trees Uprooted and Animals Perish

Storm Struck the Village of St. Joseph, Then Plowed Its Way to Clifton, Destroying Every Standing Thing in a Path Nearly Half a Mile Wide—Some Wonderful Escapes.

Clifton, Kan., April 26.—Eleven persons dead, three fatally wounded and twenty-five others seriously injured is the result of a cyclone which struck the village of St. Joseph, near here, last evening, then plowed its way through to this place and thence eastward, cutting a path from 150 yards to nearly half a mile in width. The day had been a very warm one, and in the early evening there were indications of a rain, but later it cleared away. About 9 o'clock clouds formed near St. Joseph, and a half hour later a full-fledged cyclone broke upon the village and partially destroyed it. Thence it seemed to rise, until within a few miles from this place when it again struck the ground.

A large number of cattle and horses also were killed and injured. The cyclone started about six miles south of Clifton and went in a northeasterly direction for twelve or fifteen miles and then lost its force by spreading. It passed about half way between Clifton and Morganville. Its track varied from 150 yards to a quarter of a mile in width. It tore through a farming community and left nothing standing. Houses and barns were wrecked, trees torn up or broken, fences leveled and haystack blown in every direction. The cyclone was followed by a terrific rain storm, which lasted several hours, flooding the devastated district.

The cyclone took the people unawares. There had been indications of a heavy rain all day, with local showers, but nobody expected a storm. So far as learned, the victims were in their houses, and the most of them had retired. The storm struck Peter Anderson's house at 9:30 o'clock. This was about a mile from the starting point. The house was demolished in an instant. Every member of the Anderson family was injured. When they had extricated themselves from the debris they discovered that Anderson's grandchild was missing. The dead body of the child was found this morning in a ravine half a mile away. It evidently had been carried there by the wind.

Anderson alarmed the neighbors who lived out of the track of the storm, and search was commenced for victims, but little headway was made in the rain. Couriers were sent to Clifton and Morganville for doctors, but it was daylight before they arrived, and the extent of the injury and damages is not known. At noon to-day it was thought that all the victims had been found.

Heart-rending tales of suffering are told by persons who had visited the scenes of the storm. Many of the injured lay all night, pinned down by wreckage or paralyzed in the mud, while others crawled or hobbled across the country to a neighbor's house. In several instances people were lifted into the air by the cyclone and carried for a distance and then suddenly dropped. The buildings, it seems, also were lifted up and then hurled to the ground with force enough to demolish them. The wife and daughter of John Morris were reading when the shock came. The house was divided. The women managed to get out, when the wind picked them up, carried them 200 yards and let them safely down on a pile of straw, just away from the storm's track.

The people for miles around today gathered at the different points where damage had been done, and rendered assistance in every possible way. The track of the storm looked like a piece of ground which had been leveled with a roller. Half a dozen telegraph poles were torn down where the cyclone crossed the road. Telegraphic communication between Clifton and the outside world was cut off from the hour of the storm till 9 o'clock this morning. It is expected that much damage was done in the vicinity of Palmer, Washington county, but the details can not be learned. There was no damage to crops to speak of, but fruit in the storm's track was ruined. It is impossible at this time to estimate the damage to buildings and other property.

WORST IN KANSAS HISTORY.

Concordia, Kan., April 26.—The cyclone which swept through this section of the State on last evening was probably one of the most severe that Kansas has ever experienced. It formed about 7 o'clock last evening near the little town of St. Joseph in the eastern part of Cloud county, and passed in a northeasterly direction through the northern part of Clay and probably in the southern edge of Washington county. Fortunately, it struck no towns, but its course was through a thickly settled portion of the Republican valley. The cyclone was funnel-shaped, and its power seemed unlimited. Houses and barns were lifted into the air and dashed back to earth. Trees were

uprooted or broken off, and everything in its track was destroyed.

The first victims of the storm were Eli Belshazor and wife, living about a mile east of St. Joseph. The family were just preparing to seek refuge in the cellar when the storm struck. The six children were all more or less seriously injured, and it is thought two of them will die. About a mile further east the home of Julian Trembly was destroyed and he was killed.

The greatest loss of life occurred south of Clifton, some six miles. Two farmers, E. B. Peterson and J. S. Haynes, were killed and a number of others whose names could not be learned. At one place a woman and child were killed, and at another a 5-year-old boy. The body of the latter has not yet been found.

Several are reported seriously injured south of Palmer and some of them fatally. The number killed and who have died from their injuries is this evening reported to be eleven, but the list will doubtless be in twenty-four hours. Over twenty-five persons are said to have sustained serious injuries. Over twenty families were rendered homeless by the storm. The suffering of those injured was rendered great by the severe hail and rain that closely followed the cyclone. The roar of the storm could be distinctly heard for miles.

The little city of Clifton was wrought to a high pitch of excitement. At first it seemed as if the storm might strike there and many sought safety in cellars and dug outs. But it passed several miles to the south.

HE TOOK SIX LIVES.

Awful Crime of a Boy Who Was Told to Saw Wood.

Two Children, Two Men, One Woman and Himself Are Slaughtered in His Frenzy.

Rockville, Ind., April 25.—This morning at 7 o'clock Peter Egbert, a young man 23 years of age, shot and killed Mrs. Herman Harsheke and her two children, Herman and Aggie, Sheriff W. D. Mull and constable W. M. Sweet. He then killed himself; and his sister Miss Florence Egbert, who was lying very ill of typhoid fever, died shortly afterward of the shock.

Shortly after 6 o'clock, Egbert was sent into the back yard to saw some wood. Shortly after, while Mrs. Harsheke was out milking her cow, Egbert secured a double-barreled shotgun, and going to the Harsheke house next to his home, he shot the little daughter, a child of 10 years, dead, and wounded the boy, two years younger, who ran out on the porch where Egbert shot him again, killing him instantly. The murderer then went out into the alley and levelled his gun at Mrs. Harsheke, who seeing his intention, attempted to escape. He shot her however, the charge taking effect in the top of her head, removing part of her skull. Mrs. Harsheke lingered in an unconscious state for about two hours, when death ended her sufferings.

Having completed this work of butchery, Egbert shouldered his gun and deliberately walked up into the business part of the town. Sheriff Mull and constable Sweet were planning a means of capturing the murderer. Egbert was walking across the north side of the square, holding his gun in position, with both barrels cocked, when he saw Mull and Sweet crossing the street towards him. He called out to them that they had better not come any nearer.

The officers then retired into a stairway in the national bank building for a moment's consultation, when Egbert turned, and, coming upon them suddenly, shot and instantly killed both men.

The murderer then started to run, taking a westward course toward the fair grounds, a number of citizens in those pursuit. He ran like a deer until while crossing an open field, just west of town, a shot from his pursuers took effect in his heel. This crippled him, and though he managed to scale the enclosure of the fair grounds, he was unable to run further.

He crawled into a stall in the fair grounds, where he shot himself in the right breast. The fire from his gun ignited his clothing which was partially burned when he was found. Never in the history of Rockville was excitement so intense. Business suspended and people can think or talk of nothing but the awful tragedy. The dead are being prepared for burial, but no arrangements for their funerals have been made.

Egbert was at one time confined in the insane asylum, but had been discharged as cured. The general belief is that insanity was the cause of the crime.

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Oscar Reavis.

Chicago, Ill., April 24.—Edward Partridge, the board of trade plunderer, who died a few days ago, was worth \$2,700,000. The noted speculator left no will.

Order of Publication.

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss.
County of Bates, ss.
In the circuit court of Bates county, Missouri, in vacation, March 18th, 1896, The State of Missouri at the relation and to the use of S. H. Fisher, ex-officio collector of the revenue of Bates county in the state of Missouri, plaintiff, vs. James H. McFarland, defendant.
Civil action for delinquent taxes.
Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein by her attorney, before the undersigned clerk of the circuit court of Bates county in the state of Missouri, in vacation and dies her affidavit stating among other things that the above named defendant, James H. McFarland, is a non-resident of the state of Missouri. Whereupon it is ordered by the clerk in vacation, that said defendant be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against him in this court by petition and affidavit the object and general nature of which is to enforce the lien of the state of Missouri for the delinquent taxes of the years 1890, 1891, 1892 and 1893, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$1,000 together with interest, costs, commission and fees, upon the following described tracts of land situated in Bates county, Missouri, to-wit:
Twenty (20) acres, south half, west half lot six (6) section five (5) township thirty-nine (39) of range thirty-two (32) and that unless the said defendant do and appear at the next term of this court to be begun and holden in the city of Butler, Bates county, Missouri, on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in June, 1896, and on or before the third day thereof (if the term shall so long continue, and if not then before the end of the term,) and plead to said petition according to law, the same will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered according to the prayer of said petition, and the above described real estate sold to satisfy the same. And it is further ordered by the clerk aforesaid that a copy hereof be published in the Butler Weekly Times, a weekly newspaper printed and published in Bates county, Missouri, for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the first day of the next term of said court.
A true copy from the record. Witness my hand as clerk aforesaid with the seal [SEAL] of said court hereunto affixed. Done at office in Butler on this 18th day of March, 1896. STEWART ATCHESON, Circuit Clerk.

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Abilene, Kansas, April 24.—The greatest flood in Abilene's history resulted from a terrific rain a few miles north of town about 5 o'clock. In three hours Mud creek rose thirty feet and all the west and north sides are under water to-night. The streets being level are rivers from side to side. Much property is injured, but no lives have been lost.

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| Best brooms each | 20 |
| Good " " | 15 |
| 5 cans good sweet corn | 25 |
| 4 " best " | 25 |
| 2 " heavy syrup apricots | 25 |
| 2 " mountain yellow table peaches | 25 |
| 14 boxes Greenwich lye | 1 00 |
| 16 " Greenock " | 1 00 |
| 28 bars Clairette soap | 1 00 |
| 28 " Silk soap | 1 00 |
| 24 " Old Country soap | 1 00 |
| 6 lb raisins | 25 |
| 5 lb extra fancy large raisins | 25 |
| 4 lb good California peaches | 25 |
| 1 2 gallon pail sugar syrup | 50 |
| 15 lb pail jelly | 35 |

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